

November 4, 2002

Christopher Recchia, Commissioner  
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation  
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**SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of the Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL**

Dear Mr. Recchia:

Thank you for your final submittal of the Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL. The nine lake segments included in the Vermont portion of the TMDL are listed on Vermont's 2000 §303(d) list as high priorities for TMDL development.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves the Vermont portion of the September 25, 2002 Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL. EPA has determined that the TMDL meets the requirements of §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), and of EPA's implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 130). Enclosed is a copy of our approval documentation.

The completion of this TMDL represents an important milestone in Vermont's phosphorus management strategy for Lake Champlain, and I commend you and your staff for your hard work and perseverance on this challenging project.

My staff and I look forward to continued cooperation with the VT DEC in exercising our shared responsibility of implementing the requirements under §303(d) of the CWA.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Murphy, Director  
Office of Ecosystem Protection

Enclosure

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